

# **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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April 13, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#40 APRIL 13, 2010

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING
AGUA DULCE CANYON ROAD
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF
AGUA DULCE AND VASQUEZ ROCKS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve the project to reconstruct and resurface roadway pavement on Agua Dulce Canyon Road, from Escondido Canyon Road to Sierra Highway, in the unincorporated communities of Agua Dulce and Vasquez Rocks; find the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Agua Dulce Canyon Road, from Escondido Canyon Road to Sierra Highway, roadway reconstruction and resurfacing, in the unincorporated communities of Agua Dulce and Vasquez Rocks, at an estimated cost between

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\$525,000 and \$625,000.

- 3. Call for bids to be received on May 11, 2010.
- 4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.
- 5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) to adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid for the reconstruction and resurfacing of roadway pavement, installation of thermoplastic striping and pavement markings, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

# Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing improved roadway facilities for the traveling public, which will benefit the community.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$525,000 to \$625,000. The project cost will be financed with State Proposition 1B Transportation Bond funds under the Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006. The Department of Public Works (Public Works) has also received a Rubberized Asphalt Concrete grant currently estimated to be \$11,000 made available by the California Integrated Waste Management Board to be used toward the pavement work. This project is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund Budget.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to reconstruct and resurface roadway pavement, is part of Public Works ongoing highway construction and maintenance program. The project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

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This project is to be completed in 35 working days. It is estimated the work will start in July 2010 and be completed in September 2010.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the reconstruction and resurfacing of roadway pavement.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-irected clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (x)(2), (x)(14), and (x)(22), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the reconstruction and resurfacing of existing

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roadway pavement.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The award by the Director or her designee will be made after review of the bids and determination of the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

# <u>IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)</u>

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved roadway facilities for the traveling public thereby benefiting the community.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

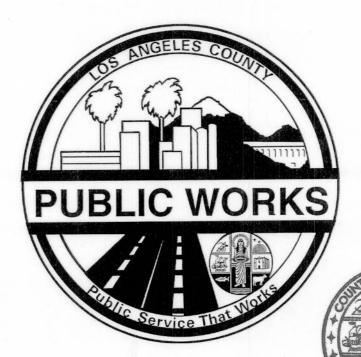
**GAIL FARBER** 

Director

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Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
 County Counsel
 Executive Office
 Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS,

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

AND

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

FOR

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015239

AGUA DULCE CANYON ROAD

(Escondido Canyon Road to Sierra Highway)

FILED **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPER

OF SUPERVISORS

Approved, GAIL FARBER, Director of Public Works

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Deputy/Director